

CURRICULUM VITAE

Markus Thiel

Department of Politics and International Relations
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EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of Miami, International Studies 12/2005
Dissertation Title: Post-Maastricht politics of integration and its impact on national attitudes,
European identity and identification with the EU
Committee: Joaquín Roy, Chair; Louise Davidson-Schmich; Elisabeth Prügl; Roger Kanet

M.S.S.W., University of Louisville, Comparative Social Policy 07/1998
Thesis: A comparison of changing welfare policies in the US and Germany

Diploma, Catholic University of Munich, Social Work & Philosophy 02/1997

FULL-TIME ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

FIU, Professor, Politics & International Relations & **06/2022**
Director, EU-Jean Monnet Center of Excellence

FIU, Associate Professor, Politics & Int'l Relations &
Director, EU-Jean Monnet Center of Excellence **08/2015 – present**

Director, European & Eurasian Studies Program 08/2015 – 01/2019

FIU, Assistant Professor, Politics & International Relations 08/2009 – 08/2015

FIU, Visiting Instructor 08/2006 – 08/2009

PART-TIME ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Research Associate, EU Center of Excellence,
FIU branch (previously: University of Miami, UM) 10/2003 – 8/2015

Instructor, Dept. of Political Science, University of Miami 08/2005 – 07/2006

(Co-)instructor, Dept. of International Studies, UM 08/2004 – 07/2006

Research Assistant for Professor Davidson-Schmich
Dept. of Political Science, University of Miami (UM) 07/2002 – 10/2003

Research Assistant, Miller Center for Judaic Studies, UM 01/2002 – 07/2006

Research Assistant for Yad Vashem Professor, UM

08/2001 – 01/2002

NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Munich University, International/Erasmus Office Administrator

10/1999 – 07/2001

PUBLICATIONS IN DISCIPLINE

Books

The European Union's international promotion of LGBTI rights: promises and pitfalls (Routledge, 2021)

European Civil Society & Human Rights Advocacy (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2017)

The Limits of Transnationalism: Collective Identities & EU Integration (New York: Palgrave, 2011).

Edited Volumes

With Ernesto Fiocchetto and Jeff Maslanik, *The Politics of Social In/Exclusion in the EU Civic Europe in an Age of Uncertainty* (London, Springer/Palgrave 2023)

With Sylvia Maier & Sarah Beringer, *EU Development Policies: between Norms and Geopolitics?* (New York: Palgrave, 2019)

With Manuela Picq, *Sexualities in World Politics: how LGBTQ claims shape International Relations*, (New York: Routledge, 2015).

With Rebecca Friedman, *European Identity and Culture: Narratives of Transnational Belonging* (London: Ashgate, 2012).

With Roger Coate, *Identity Politics in the Age of Globalization* (Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner/First Forum Press, 2010).

With Elisabeth Prügl, *Diversity and European Union Integration* (New York: Palgrave, 2009).

Articles (peer-reviewed)

'International LGBTQ+ politics today: moving beyond 'crises'?', Special Issue Introduction (with Manuela Picq), *International Politics*, 2024, <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41311-024-00587-4>

'EU Public Diplomacy in the United States: socio-political challenges & EU delegation agency', journal article for special issue on the EU's public diplomacy, *Journal of Contemporary European Studies*, 2023, 31(1), 8–20. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14782804.2022.2084049>.

'The politicization of LGBTI human rights norms in EU-Uganda development partnership' (with Johanne Saltnes), for special issue "Contested and politicized. The end of European Development Policy as we know it?", by Hackenesch, Koch, Orbie and Bergman (eds), *Journal of Common Market Studies*, February 2021, pp. 108-25, DOI: 10.1111/jcms.13141.

Review Article: LGBT Politics and International Relations, *International Politics Review*, October 2014, Vol. 2, 2, 51-60.

Markus Thiel, "European Civil Society and the EU Fundamental Rights Agency: Creating legitimacy through civil society inclusion?", *Journal of European Integration*, June 2014, Vol. 36, 5, 435-451.

Markus Thiel (with Emek Ucarer), "Changing or utilizing opportunity structures in the EU: Advocacy NGOs in a comparative perspective", *Interest Groups & Advocacy*, March 2014, Vol. 3, 1, 99–116.

Markus Thiel, "Caught between 'solidarity' and retrenchment: European Civil Society and human/social rights attainment in the EU", *Zeitschrift fuer Menschenrechte/Journal of Human Rights*, April 2013, 24-42.

Markus Thiel, "Transnational actors", *International Studies Encyclopedia*, Blackwell Publishers, 2009, 7116-33.

Markus Thiel, "European Public Spheres and the EU's Communication Strategy: From Deficits to Policy Fit?", *Perspectives on European Politics and Society*, September 2008, Vol. 9, No. 3, 342 – 356.

Markus Thiel, "Europe as model for regional security", *Tamkang Journal of International Affairs*, January 2007, 1-36.

Markus Thiel, "The role of intergovernmental institutions in 'soft' security challenges of Central Europe", *Transatlantic Monthly*, November-December 2007, online (NPR).

Markus Thiel, "The introduction of ECTS at the University of Applied Sciences Munich", in: *DAAD (German Academic Exchange) Journal*, 1998 (NPR).

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

'From heresy to hype to hope? The impact of LGBT+ Studies on International Relations', in: Rahman, Momin, Thiel, Markus, Tang, Denise and Nael Banji (eds). *SAGE Handbook of Global Sexualities* (forthcoming 2026)

‘An Indispensable Member? Germany’s 2025 elections and relations with the EU’ (with Ryan Coleman), in: Louise Davidson & Ross Campbell, *The German 2025 Election*, Palgrave.

‘The Narratives of European Culture(s)’, *Cambridge History of the European Union*, p.612-631, Cambridge University Press: Cambridge, UK, 2024.

Handbook on Gender & Security, “The EU’s external LGBT+ rights promotion and the promise of gender(ed) equality”, Edward Elgar, 2024.

“Far from heaven-Marriage Equality as a (non)Issue in EU Foreign Relations”, in: DeVries and Andersen, *The Politics of LGBTQ Equality* (University of Kansas Press, accepted 2020, forthcoming 2022).

“Civil Society and Social Movements”, invited encyclopedia entry for Elgar’s *Human Rights Encyclopedia*, eds. Christina Binder et. al., 2022, <https://doi.org/10.4337/9781789903621.civil.society.social.movements>.

“The EU as seen from the US”, in: Finizio, Giovanni, ed. *Global Perspectives on the EU*, (Torino World Affairs Institute, accepted & forthcoming 2022).

“Indispensable, Interdependent or Independent? A Critical Analysis of Transatlantic Relations”, in: *The Routledge Handbook of Critical European Studies*, Didier Bigo et al., Routledge, 2021, pp. 452-463.

“Being LGB in Europe”, in: Gerber, Paula (ed). *Worldwide Perspectives on Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals*, Praeger, 2021, pp. 72-83.

‘The EU’s international promotion of LGBTI rights in its foreign relations’, *Oxford Research Encyclopedia*, 2020, doi: <https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.013.1319>.

Markus Thiel, ‘Queering scholarship? LGBT politics as analytical challenge for Political Science and International Relations’, *Oxford Handbook of Global LGBT & Sexual Diversity Politics*, 2019, pp. 121-138.
DOI: [10.1093/oxfordhb/9780190673741.013.5](https://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780190673741.013.5)

Markus Thiel & Jeffrey Maslanik, “Transnational actors”, *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of International Studies*, 2017, DOI: [10.1093/acrefore/9780190846626.013.105](https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190846626.013.105) (updated & expanded from 2009)

“Queer Theory”, in: McGlinchey, Stephen et al., *International Relations Theory*, E-International Relations (E-IR Publishing: New York), 2017.

“The democratic legitimacy of EU civil society policies” (co-authored with Oana Petrescu), and “European civil society and ‘participatory’ governance tools: the impact of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency & Platform”, in: Beatriz Peres de las Heras, ed., *Post-Lisbon Democracy and Global Governance* (Palgrave: London), 2016.

“The Copenhagen School: Societal Security and the OSCE’s Human Dimension”, in: Dominguez, Roberto, ed., *The OSCE: Soft Security in a Hard World* (Peter Lang: New York), 2014, 111-130.

“European Identity in the 21st century: moving from external marker to internalized solidaric practice”, in: Roy, Joaquin (ed). *The State of the Union(s): the Eurozone Crisis, Comparative Regional Integration and the EU Model*. Coral Gables, FL: European Union Center/Jean Monnet Chair, University of Miami, 2012, 23-34.

“Cultural Identity, security and regional integration”, in: Roy, Joaquin (ed), *Regional Integration fifty years after the Treaty of Rome: the EU, Asia, Africa and the Americas*, Coral Gables, FL: European Union Center/Jean Monnet Chair, University of Miami, 2008, 35-52.

“European Identity and the Challenge of Enlargement”, in: Joaquín Roy and Roberto Domínguez (eds) *Towards the Completion of Europe: Analysis and Perspectives of the New EU enlargement*, Coral Gables, FL: European Union Center/Jean Monnet Chair, University of Miami, 2006, 67-76.

Book Reviews

“Queer International Relations”, Cynthia Weber, *Perspectives on Politics*, 2017.

“The New Politics of European Civil Society”, edited by U. Liebert and H.J. Trenz, *EU Studies Association Review*, 2013 (http://www.eustudies.org/files/eusa_review/Spring13.pdf).

“Transnational Europe: Promise, Paradox, Limits”, edited by J. DeBardeleben and A. Hurrelmann, *Journal of Common Market Studies*, January 2013, Vol. 51, 2, 374-375.

“The Intriguing Intricacies of European Identities”, *International Studies Review*, 2011, Vol. 13, 3, 523–525.

“A Piece of the Puzzle: The Development of a European Foreign Policy”, *International Studies Review*, 2008, Vol. 10, 4, 824-26.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Global Anti-Gender Handbook Entry ‘Disney as Anti-Gender Target’, David Paternotte et.al. (forthcoming 2026)

ECPR’s ‘The Loop’ Blog, “EU international LGBTI rights promotion: coherent, consistent and effective?”, September 2021, <https://theloop.ecpr.eu/eu-international-lgbti-rights-promotion/>

Journal of Common Market Studies Blog, “Does the promotion of LGBTI human rights

cause the politicization of International Development Partnerships?”, with Johanne Saltnes, February 2020, <https://jcms.ideasoneurope.eu/2021/02/05/does-the-promotion-of-lgbti-human-rights-cause-the-politicization-of-international-development-partnerships/>

H-Diplo Roundtable on ‘Teaching Gender in IR’ (invited), with Susanne Zwingel, Spring 2020, <https://networks.h-net.org/node/28443/discussions/6131086/h-diplo-teaching-roundtable-xxi-39-teaching-gender-ir>

Periodic op-ed contributor to the Miami Herald on European Issues, incl. on Brexit, terrorism in Europe etc.

Invited guest blogger, ‘LGBT Politics, Queer Theory and International Relations’, *E-International Relations*, Fall 2014 & Spring 2021.

“Constraints on the Development of European Identity: Territorial and Demographic Challenges for EU Public Support”, European Union Center Analysis Paper May 2007.

“National public spheres and the European Union communication strategy: Between utopianism and non-utilization”, Jean Monnet Working Paper, EU Center, June 2006.

“Mission (im-)possible – Lessons learned from post-referendum surveys”, European Union Center Analysis Paper, December 2005.

“The Constitution and its citizens - (not) much ado about nothing?”, Jean Monnet Working Paper, EU Center May 2004.

“The conditionality of US & EU developmental aid upon democratization – a comparison”, Online Working Paper, Universidad National Autonoma Mexico, February 2004.

PRESENTED PAPERS AND LECTURES (Selection)

Invited presentation: ‘The future of transatlantic relations: social inclusion & human rights’, Virginia Tech & EU Delegation conference, Washington DC, December 2024.

Invited presentation: ‘Transatlantic relations in the shadow of the US election’, University of Turin, Italy, Inter-regional MA program, November 2024

Invited presentation as panelist on ‘the EU’s global influence’ for the EU’s 35th Jean Monnet anniversary conference, European Commission, Brussels, October 2024

Invited presentation: ‘The social in/exclusions of minorities in the EU’, University of Washington, Seattle, May 2024

Invited presentation: ‘The EU’s international LGBT+ rights promotion’, Hofstra University, New York, April 2024

Presenter, ISA, 'Dark Diplomacy: Transatlantic Anti-gender activism in the US and Europe, San Francisco, April 2024.

Presenter, European Conference on Gender & Politics, 'Gender Equality compared: Germany, Poland, Sweden & Spain', Ljubljana, July 2022

Presenter, European International Studies Association, 'From norm diffusion to norm contestation: the EU as a normative actor' (virtual), September 2021

Invited Presentation: 'Promises & Pitfalls of the EU's LGBTI Politics' (virtual), New York University, April 2021.

Presenter, International Studies Association Conference (virtual), "Global or Diffuse? EU LGBTI Rights Promotion in Multilateral Settings", April 2021.

Invited Presentation: University of Turin, Italy, Inter-regional MA program, 'A critical look at transatlantic relations', November 2019.

Invited Workshop: German Development Institute & JCMS, 'The Politicization of EU Development Policies', Bonn, October 2019

Invited Workshop Presenter, EU Studies Association, Graduate Career/Publishing Panel, May 2019

Invited Presentation: Dublin GLOBUS workshop on 'Promises & Pitfalls of the EU's LGBTI Politics', November 2018

Presenter, University Association for European Studies (UACES), Krakow, September 2018
"International LGBT rights norm promotion & diffusion by the EU"

Invited Book Presentation: 'European Civil Society & Human Rights advocacy', Florida Atlantic University, April 2017.

Invited Presenter, 'The lack of Marriage Equality Consideration in EU Foreign Relations, University of Pittsburgh, March 2017.

Invited Presenter, Transatlantic Relations in the Age of Trump, University of Turin, Italy, November 2016

Invited Presenter, Jean Monnet Center of Excellence, Universidad de Deusto/Bilbao, European civil society and 'participatory' governance tools: the impact of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency & Platform, October 2015

Invited Book Reviewer: Phil Ayoub and David Paternotte, LGBT Activism and the Making of Europe, Council of European Studies Conference, Sciences Po Paris, July 2015

Invited Presenter, Amherst College Research Workshop, LGBT Politics, April 2015

Presenter, EU Center of Excellence Conference, FIU, “The input-output balance in the advocacy work of European human rights NGOs”, February 2015.

Presenter, International Studies Association-Flacso Conference, “EU LGBT Politics under Neoliberalism”, Buenos Aires, July 2014.

Presenter, Queer Paradigms Conference, “The EU-dependent structuring of LGBT civil society”, Quito, February 2014.

Invited Presenter at EU Center Illinois, EU Governance Symposium, “From transnational to EU Civil society: the EU-dependent structuring of activities”, October 2013.

Presenter “Horizontal and vertical power relations in the NGO-EU Fundamental Rights linkage’ & ‘Exploring transversal and particularistic politics in the EU’s anti-discrimination policy: LGBT politics”, International Studies Association, San Francisco, April 2013.

FUNDED RESEARCH

‘Getting to know Europe’ (co-PI), EuropeAid & EU Delegation D.C., 2021-2023 (\$88,726.51)

Jean Monnet Center of Excellence (PI), European Commission, 2018-21, 2021-24, 2024-27 (each 120,000 Euros)

Project Partner/Co-PI, ‘Wunderbar together’ Deutschlandjahr (PI: Louise Davidson, University of Miami), 2018-19 (\$20,000)

‘Getting to Know Europe’ (PI), EuropeAid & EU Delegation D.C., 2017-19 (250,000 Euros)

Jean Monnet Center of Excellence (Co-PI), European Commission, 2015-18 (120,000 Euros)

Jean Monnet Project (Co-PI), European Commission, 2015-17 (50,000 Euros)

International Studies Association Workshop Grant (CO-PI) 2018, (\$9, 983)

Project-Partner in *Building a European Demos: democratic legitimacy in the post-Lisbon European Union and its impact on global governance* (PI: University Deusto, Spain, \$3000)

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Short-term research grant award, 2015 (\$2200)

Broad Fellowship, Florida International University, School of International and Public Affairs, 2011 (\$800).

Florida International University, European Union Center, Research Grant, 2010 (\$2500).

Travel Grant, Florida International University, Transnational Studies Center, 2008 (\$1500).

European Union Center, Dissertational Research Grant, 2003 (\$2500).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Florida International University

CPO 2002 Introduction to Comparative Politics

CPO 3010 Comparative Politics: Theory & Practice

CPO 3103 Comparative West European Politics

CPO 3104 EU Politics

INR 2001 Introduction to International Relations

INR 3214 International Relations of Europe

INR 3502 International Organizations

INR 4024 Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict

INR 4603 International Relations Theory

INR 4073 International LGBT Politics & Advocacy (Developed this course)

INR 5507 International Organizations Seminar

INR 5017 Comparative Approaches to Area Studies Seminar

INR 5615 Research Design in International Relations

CPO 6106 Comparative European Politics Seminar

(special course module: Transatlantic Relations)

University of Miami

POL 202 Introduction to Comparative Politics

INS 541 National Security and Foreign Policy

GRADUATE MENTORING/PhD Chair

Dissertation Committee Chair, Barry Mowell (PhD Political Science, graduated 2016/7)

Jeffrey Maslanik (PhD International Relations, 2017/8)

Ernesto Fiocchetto (PhD International Relations, 2022/3)

Jean-Yves Lascade (in progress)

Kristin Hynes (in progress)

External PhD reviewer: Jasmine Dawson, Melbourne University + MA reviewer

Tenure reviewer: Since 2017

PROFESSIONAL HONORS, PRIZES, FELLOWSHIPS

Visiting Fellow, Jean Monnet Center, University Saint-Louis Brussels, April 2023

Jean Monnet Prize, Summer School, University of Limerick, Ireland, July 2003.

Extended Fulbright Scholarship for Graduate Study at the University of Louisville, 1997/98.

OFFICES HELD IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Editorial Board Member, *Journal for International Organization Studies* (2010-2018), *International Politics* (since 2013), *Polity* (since 2020), *German Politics* (advisory board, since 2021)

H-Nationalism-Net Bibliographer (European Union & Nationalism, 2011-18)

APSA, European Politics Section, 'Best Dissertation Award' Committee (2012)

ISA Nominating Committee, 2019-21

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICE

Departmental/University Service

Faculty Senator, 2024-26

Research Associate, EU Center of Excellence, 2006 - 2015

Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2014 – 2016

Departmental Tenure, Promotion and Personnel Committee member, 2020-2022, SIPA Tenure & Promotion Committee member, 2023-25

Departmental Rankings, Research, and Reputation Co-Chair, 2021- present

Member of FIU's Fulbright Student Evaluation Committee, 2008 – 2018.

Study Abroad Europe, Instructor and Exchange Promoter, 2008, 2009, 2012, 2014, 2016.

Participation in IASGP/DAAD-sponsored election observation trip to Berlin, 2013.

Assessment Leader, International Relations Undergraduate Committee, 2008 – 2013.

Interim Graduate Director, INR (Spring 2013) & Interim EU-Center Director (Fall 2013).

SIPA Global Learning QEP Implementation Liaison, 2013 – 2015.

FIU Graduate School Symposium Panelist on 'Navigating the Job Market', 2014.

Model EU @ FIU creator and instructor, 2015-present.

Hispanic Serving Institutes 'Pathways to the Professoriate' Mentor, 2018-2020.

Professional Service

Reviewer for the following presses and journals: Routledge, CQ Press, Lynne Rienner, Oxford University Press, Edinburgh University Press, NYU Press, Lexington Books, & Journals: *International Studies Quarterly*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *Comparative European Politics*, *Journal of Contemporary European Research*, *Journal of Int'l Organization Studies*, *Journal of Common Market Studies*, *Politics, Groups & Identities*, *European Politics & Gender*.

Grant application reviewer for German Academic Exchange Service, Research Grants, 2015-2020, Austrian Science Foundation, Belgian Fund for National Research (NSRF), National Science Foundation, MacArthur Foundation etc.

International Studies Association, Nominating Committee member, 2018-2021

International Studies Association, International Organization Section, Best Graduate Paper Award Committee member, 2020

Guest Lecturer at Teacher Workshops on the European Union, Florida International University and Florida Atlantic University, annually 2009 – present.

Invited Guest Lecturer/Discussant on EU Politics: nationally (University of Houston, University of Pittsburgh, New York University), internationally (European Academy Bolzano, Sciences Po Aix, Sciences Po Rennes, University of Turin, University of Deusto/Bilbao, University of Applied Sciences Munich).

Interviews & OpEds for Radio Berlin, Reuters News Agency, Transconflict, Christian Science Monitor, etc.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

European Union Studies Association (EUSA)

International Studies Association (ISA)

Council of European Studies (CES)

International Association for the Study of German Politics (IASGP)

University Association of Contemporary European Studies (UACES)